DECREASED MORTALITY IN THE FACE OF DESTRUCTIVE GUNS.

Changes In Methods of Warfare. Relative Strength of the British and Boers-The War From a Financial Standpoint.

[Special Correspondence.]

CAPE Town, Jan. 8.-Notwithstanding the superior marksmanship of the Boers and the latest and most destructive types of guns on both sides, the casualties so far during the war have * been astonishingly small. I do not mean to convey the idea that this war is not bloody and terrible, as all wars are, but certainly the destructive qualities of new weapons are not so great as their inventors would have us believe. Statistics of war fatalities in the past are not at hand, but I recall the statement that during the Crimean war the Russians fired 45,000,000 shots and killed 48,000 men, or about one to every 910 shots fired. Since that time rapid firing guns have greatly improved the efficiency of both artillery and



RED CROSS WORK.

infantry, and the number of shots that can be fired in a given period has increased many times over. The proportion of fatalities, however, has grown less.

In the American civil war the losses were appalling when compared with anything since. In some battles the loss was 50 per cent of the troops engaged, and losses of from 15 to 25 per cent were common. At immortal Balaklava, when most people thought the Light brigade were practically annihilated, the actual loss was only 37 per cent. In the use of modern weapons there is a greater proportion of wounded and a less proportion of killed. It is a notable fact, moreover, that a greater proportion of the wounded re- lace and ribbon, like linked circles. cover. The small bullets, shot at ter- This dress was spoken of as "yery rific force, are partly accountable for elaborate." I wonder what the wearthis, but much credit must be given to ers of those dresses would think of improved methods of surgery and the some of the confections of today? efficient work of the Red Cross and A plain dress today is more ornate similar institutions.

died from sickness than from injuries hair rise. Well, the world do move man behind the breastworks has grown. The skirt is plain, but there is a slashgreater ingeluity has evolved methods the same color, with a draped beit of keeping out of the way.

years. In the first place, both the had increased to nearly \$22,000,000.

War preparations have been going home dress! on under the direction of President Kruger for 20 years. The dynamite factories at Zurfontein, a creation of Kruger's, are the largest and finest in fancy in having white embroiders with the world. They were constructed by a fringed edge. This is intended most German experts and can turn out any explosive known to science. The fortifications of Pretoria are something which the world does not yet know, But it is safe to say that they include gything that money and skill can

e. Gigantic forts may be seen cy side of the town, and the lathome his ugent; join marmy can capture rows of jet beads, and to that hung the for some gueles to sing it into submission, kyose grees 18 deep. This was com-to entertain for on has been taken in The H. Sharpe reas strung between.

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in regard to the wily Kruger has thus far proved wrong there is no certainty anybody supposed, and no account has | tinuous performance." been taken of the women, who can fight nearly as well as the men. While chilas boys to handle guns, and the women | narrow black velvet ribbon is sewed to never get too old to shoot well. They are as courageous and combative as the men and, if occasion requires, will take their places in the fighting ranks. When Kruger predicted that if the British conquered it would be at a was making no idle boast.

CECIL HOYT.

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RUNNING TO TRIMMINGS.

Tendency to Elaborate Ornament In Feminine Attire. [Special Correspondence.]

out any kind of trimming is like a landscape without trees, hills or water | fetas have lines of spangles all along -very flat and uninteresting. A dress particularly requires some sort of adornment, and there is an embarrassment of riches in this respect just now. I remember reading a description of a dress in Harper's Magazine of the date of 1850. The dress itself was plain, with full sleeves and no collar. The waist was snug and sewed to the skirt, which was gathered very full. Down the front breadth in the center was a funny little trimming made of



SIMPLE HOME DEESS.

than that, and an elaborate one would In recent wars more soldiers have make those dead and gone persons' in combat. In explanation of the de if the sun doesn't. In the picture with creased martality in battle marked this is a simple home dress for a young changes in methods must be taken into lady. The material is the delicate, account. The brilliant charges of the frosty blue zibeline, which has taken past are now seldom attempted. The so well with womankind this season. in importance. Human ingenuity has ed tunic over it, and this is trimmed worked wonders in the way of de- with white silk applique and passe structive mechanism, but equal if not menterie. The waist is of taffeta of Over this is a figure made entirely of As the war advances the world, its | the white face and passementerie. The eluding the British, realizes the system | collar is a draped stock of the taffeta, atic preparations which the Boers have with a very full bow with jabot ends been making during the past several reaching to the belt. This is made of white chiffen, with an e-leing of cream Transvaal and the Orange Free State | colored valenciennes. On the sleeves have plenty of money. In 1885 the are the epaulets of the passementerie. revenue of the Transvaal was over \$1. Another dainty touch is where a tiny 000,000, and in 1895 its annual income chiffon frill is sewed inside the top of the stock. And this is just a simple

Speaking of trimming reminds me of the many uses and kinds of trimmings, especially fringes. There is a pretty ly for dimity suits, but it is very nexel. Some of the trimmings for handsome evening dresses have braid face and spangles all combined. The part intended to mark the design is of braid. To this is sewed the lace. Black guipure is oftenest seen, and upon this are sewed the spangles, semetimes large heaviest artillery is in the and sometimes small and sometimes Py the best Boer and European black and other times mixed. One and 55 The only way in style of fringe has a heading of three

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The luxeuil laces bid fair to grow in favor as they do in beauty. The nets about this one. There are known to and laces are so closely incorporated be more soldiers around Pretoria than | making these that it looks like a "con-

There are some pretty soft nets with lace applied over them, and these are dren the Boers teach their girls as well edged with delicate silk fringe. Very each edge with excellent effect. Some of the manufactured trimmings are marvels of delicate work. I have a sample before me now just long enough to show the design. It is done on fine white net. One part of the design is price that would stagger humanity, he a scroll made of overlapped spangles in iridescent colors, each side edged with a line of very narrow beads. Looped through this is a circle of pearl beads, with a frill of narrow white lace around it, and where the two links loop is quite a little bunch of spangles sewed on as closely as they can be. This is intended as a border for the neck of evening dresses or the edge of One application relieves the pain. For a tunic or heading for a flounce. It is bright, graceful and delicate.

It seems to me that there are more of the heavy Plauen laces in all overs, set pieces and borderings than ever. Many entire dresses are made of this lined with some contrasting color. There are also many appliques and cut work designs in taffetas and in fine New York, Feb. 6.-A garment with- cloth, scroll pattern and elaborately planned arabesques. Some of the tafall cut edges. This makes it necessary to have larger spaces. There is another plan, and that is to have thin stuffs decorated with an applique of fine lace flowers. These are also put upon crepe de chine, fine veiling and thin and sheer lawns.

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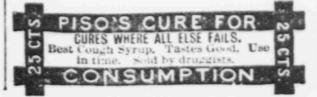
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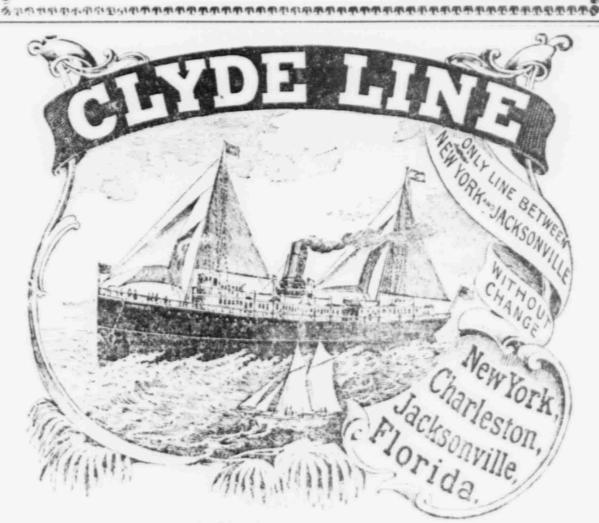
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